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RE BUCAB, APRIL 14, 1977, INSTRUCTING THAT INVESTIGATION
IN CAPTIONED MATTER BE DISCONTINUED, BASED ON AUSA, SDNY'S
DECLINATION IN FAVOR OF LOCAL PROSECUTION. (U) ~~SECRET~~

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND RECIPIENT OFFICES,
DURING THE PAST WEEK, INFORMATION, ALLEGEDLY LEAKED BY BUENOS
AIRES PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES, HAS APPEARED AS SENSATIONAL
PAGE ONE ITEMS IN THE NEWSPAPER, "LA NUEVA PROVINCIA," PUBLISHED
IN BAHIA BLANCA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, INDICATING THAT GRAIVER
AND FORMER PERONIST ECONOMY MINISTER, JOSE BER GELBARD, LAUNDERED
FUNDS FOR THE MONTONEROS, AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION,
THROUGH GRAIVER-CONTROLLED BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN ARGENTINA,

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THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE. IT WAS FURTHER ALLEGED THAT GRAIVER DEPOSITED THE MONTONERO FUNDS, UPWARDS OF 25 MILLION DOLLARS, IN EUROPEAN ACCOUNTS AND FACILITATED THE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY INTEREST, ESTIMATED AS HIGH AS 130 THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO THE MONTONEROS FROM EUROPEAN ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED BY GRAIVER. (U)

THE STORY IN "LA NUEVA PROVINCIA" HAS BEEN PICKED UP AND FOLLOWED BY THE MAJOR BUENOS AIRES DAILY NEWSPAPERS AND INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICES. CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION HAS BEEN ADDED TO "LA NUEVA PROVINCIA'S" ORIGINAL INFORMATION. THE ENTIRE MATTER REACHED SENSATIONAL PROPORTIONS DURING THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 16-17, 1977 FOLLOWING THE ARREST ON APRIL 15, 1977 OF JACOBO TIMERMAN, THE EDITOR OF "LA OPINION", AN IMPORTANT BUENOS AIRES DAILY NEWSPAPER, ON CHARGES RELATED TO THE GRAIVER INVESTIGATION. (U)

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT GENERAL JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA CLAIMED PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GRAIVER INVESTIGATION, NOTING THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE GRAIVER INVESTIGATION, HAD UNCOVERED MASSIVE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES BY NUMEROUS PROMINENT ARGENTINE CITIZENS. PRESIDENT VIDELA STATED THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WOULD SEE THE GRAIVER INVESTIGATION THROUGH TO THE

BITTER END AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LET THE "CHIPS" FALL AS

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THEY MAY" WITH REGARD TO THOSE IMPLICATED. (U) ~~(S)~~

ON APRIL 15, 1977, COL. ALBERTO VALIN (PROTECT), CHIEF, ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) ADVISED THAT HIS SERVICE WAS CONDUCTING AN EXTREMELY COMPLICATED, SECRET INVESTIGATION INTO GRAIVER'S ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA. COL. VALIN ADVISED THAT THE AAIS INVESTIGATION WAS FOLLOWING TWO DIFFERENT AVENUES; ONE INTO THE ILLEGAL BANKING ACTIVITIES OF GRAIVER IN ARGENTINA AND THE OTHER INTO THE POSSIBLE, REPEAT, POSSIBLE SUBVERSIVE CONNECTIONS OF GRAIVER IN ARGENTINA. COL. VALIN NOTED THAT THE TWO ^{PROMPTED} AAIS INVESTIGATION WAS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED. ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 16-17, 1977, PROMINENT MENTION WAS MADE IN THE BUENOS AIRES NEWS MEDIA THAT THE FBI WAS SEEKING GRAIVER IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD THROUGH INTERPOL IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVESTIGATION INTO GRAIVER'S ILLEGAL BANKING OPERATIONS IN THE U.S. ~~(S)~~ ~~(U)~~



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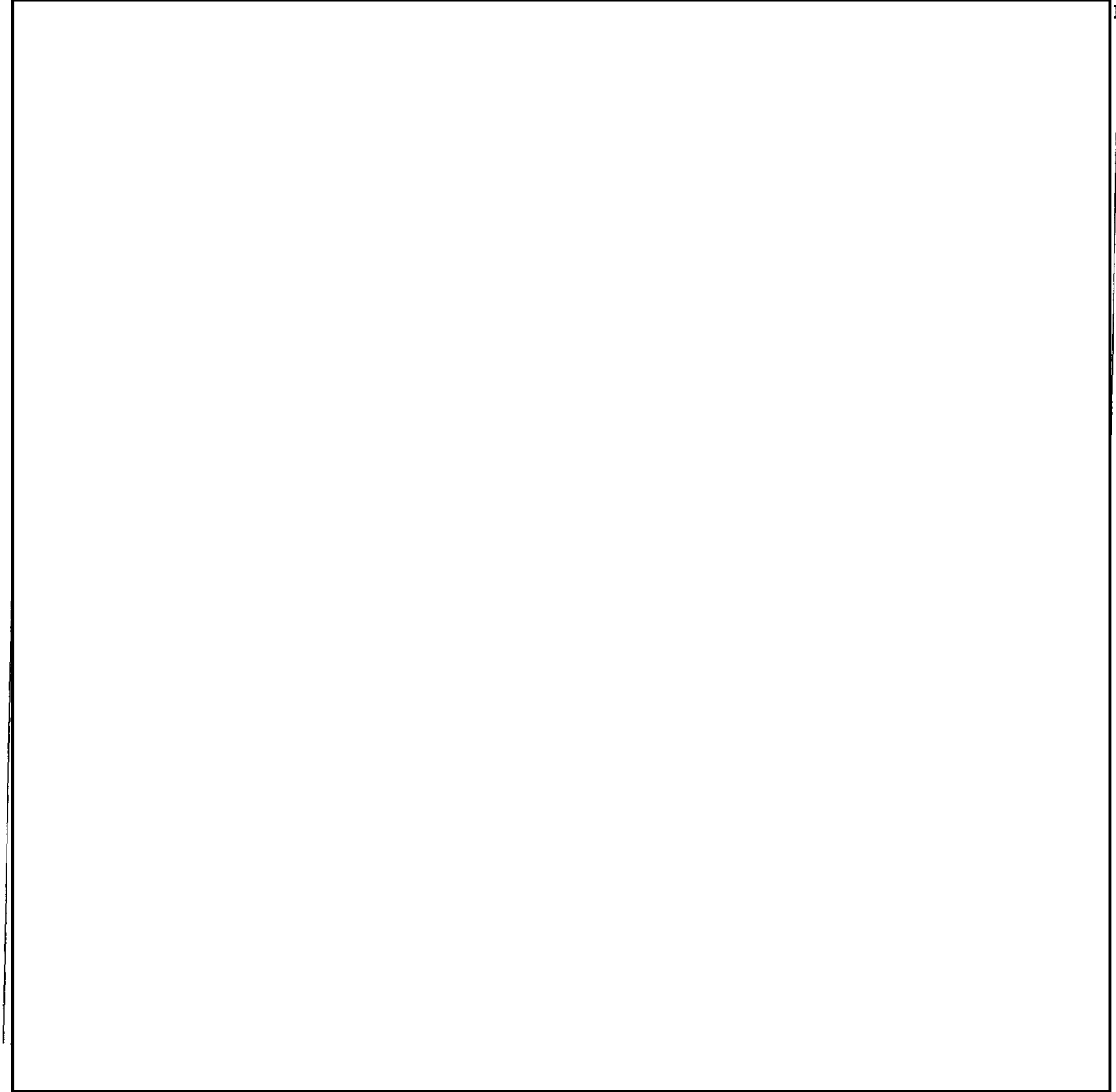
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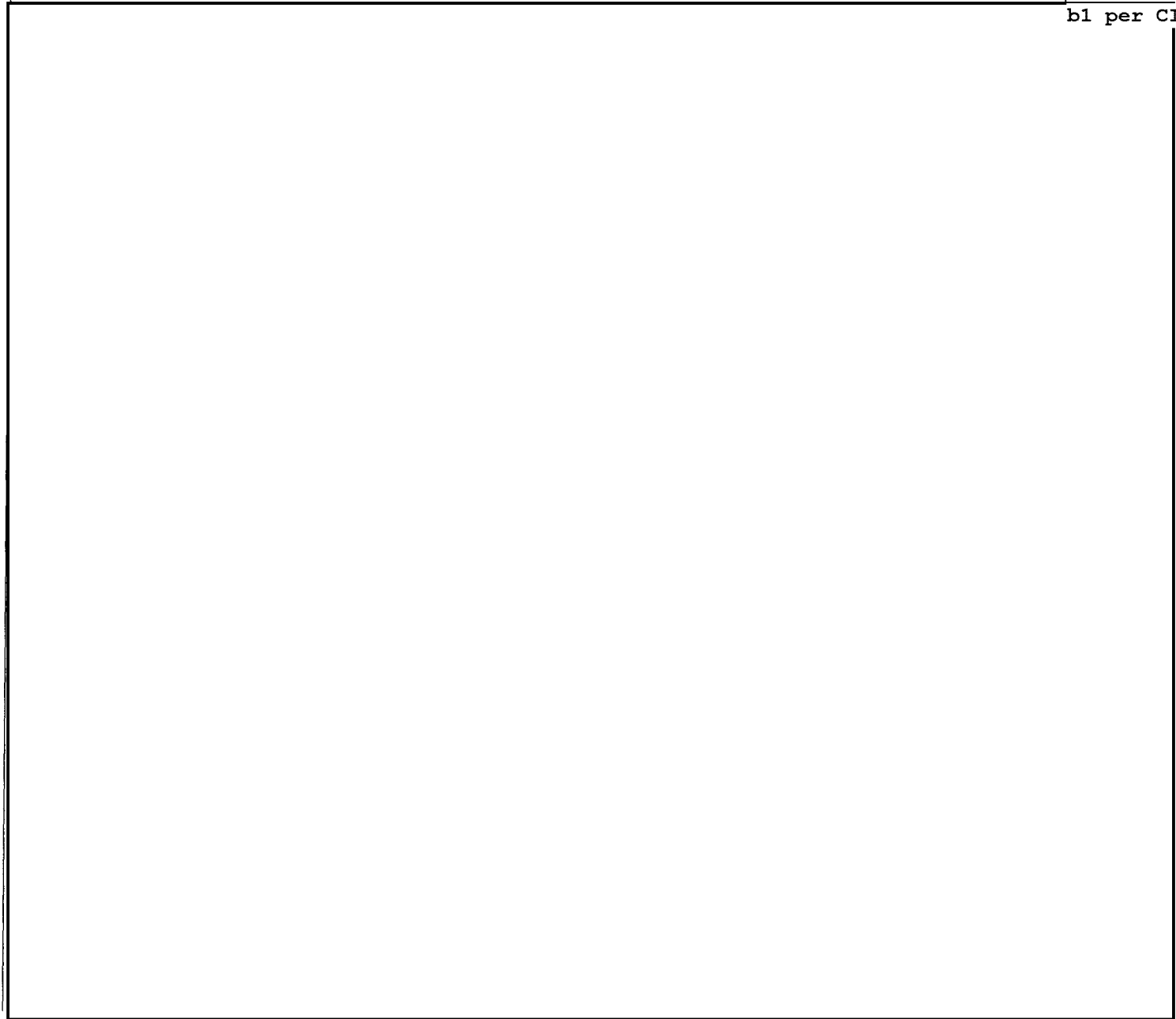
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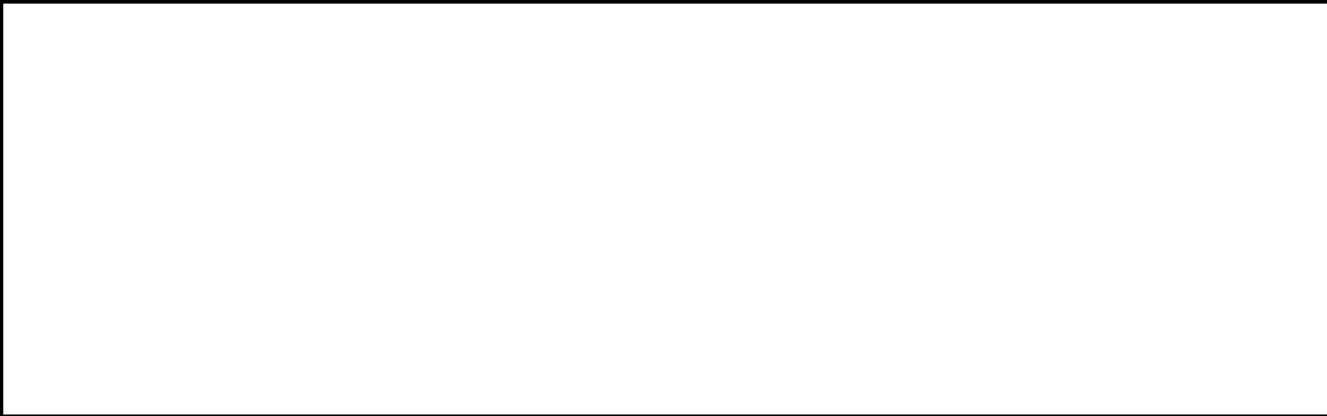
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NO INFORMATION HAS COME TO LEGAT'S ATTENTION FROM CONTACTS INDICATING THAT THERE IS ANY VALIDITY IN THE ALLEGATION THAT GRAIVER HAD ASSISTED THE MONTONEROS IN LAUNDERING THEIR FUNDS, OR THAT HE FACILITATED THE MONTHLY PAYMENT OF INTEREST TO THE MONTONEROS FROM THEIR FUNDS ABROAD.



LEGAT BELIEVES THAT THE ALLEGED GRAIVER-MONTONERO FINANCIAL CONNECTION MIGHT WELL REPRESENT A COUNTERINTELLIGENCE OR MIS-INFORMATION OPERATION BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO DISCREDIT FORMER PERONIST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. (S) (X) (U)

AS INSTRUCTED IN RE BUCAR, LEGAT HAS DISCONTINUED INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER. THE FOREGOING IS BEING BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION

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OF FBI, HQ AND RECIPIENT OFFICES DUE TO THE WIDESPREAD SENSATIONAL-
 TYPE PUBLICITY CAPTIONED MATTER IS RECEIVING IN ARGENTINA AND
 MORE THAN LIKELY ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. ~~X~~

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